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## LWVUS 50th National Convention

This year the National Convention of the LWVUS was held in Washington, DC from June 8-12. Two of us represented the San Diego LWV, Adrienne Schere and I. It was a wonderful experience which I would recommend to anyone.



The National Conventions are held during even-numbered years while the state conventions are held during the odd years. The next California Convention will be in San Jose May 17-19, 2013. The next National Convention will be in Dallas June 6-10, 2014. Each local League is entitled to at least one delegate (usually counted as the president); when there are 100 members they may have a second one and then one additional delegate for each additional 100 members. With approximately 360 members we were entitled to four delegates.

At state conventions the delegate count is similar but one delegate for every 50 members plus the president. As of today, we are eligible to send up to eight delegates to San Jose.

As with most conventions there were numerous workshops and caucuses to attend. Because there were only the two of us, we spread the choices out with the North County delegates to ensure that all of them

would be covered by at least one of us.

Each day started with a plenary session followed by caucuses and workshops. The caucuses were on topics as diverse as the National Popular Vote to Water and Climate

issues to Sentencing Reform and Food and Farm issues. Workshops were about improving web sites, Paypal, and social media along with ways to improve advocacy and membership recruitment efforts.

The Convention began Friday with an afternoon pre-convention workshop and an evening "Meet and Greet." We were able to meet a number of women, including the president of the LWVUS, that night who we connected with throughout the convention.



*Adrienne Schere, Faye Rose, Jeanne Brown*

Speakers and other entertainment were scattered throughout the Convention. They were all fantastic. On Saturday we heard Eleanor Holmes Norton, the one and only Washington, DC delegate to the House of Representatives. DC still does not have a voting delegate. Saturday night we enjoyed "The Capital Steps," a hilarious show full of political satire.

We met with Faye Rose, our former Voter editor, who is living in Maryland now. *(continued on page 4)*

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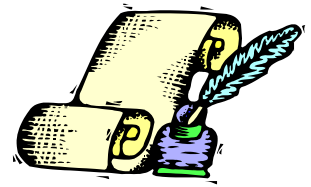
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### President's Message

Greetings from your new Co-President.

Now that our merger between LWVSD  
and LWVSEDEC (East County) is com-  
plete, I am looking forward to an exciting  
year of accomplishments. Of course as  
soon as you elect me I disappear for four weeks, but I shall return  
and do all I can to support Jeanne and the League. I'm sure there  
will be plenty of issues to discuss at the August retreat which I  
am really looking forward to.



You have a very energetic and accomplished woman as your oth-  
er Co-President, and I'm sure when we all put our heads together  
we will make things happen.

I also hope to have many East County ladies participating and set-  
ting up an East County Unit to continue candidate forums and  
observe East County government.

Hope to see you all when I get back to the States.

— Donna Bartlett-May



## Common Cause - San Diego Program: Election Protection

Mission Valley Library 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego, CA 92108-4739  
Saturday, August 4. Noon to 2pm

featuring

**Lori Shellenberger, Civic Engagement Attorney, ACLU**

**Deborah Seiler, San Diego County Registrar of Voters**

**Palma Hooper, Director, Southwest Center for Asian Pacific American Law**

Panel discussion addressing deceptive practices, voter suppression, and poll observer and poll worker duties

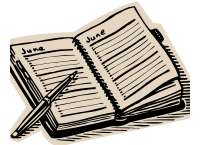
Contact: John Smith, Southern California Organizer cell: 562-237-3482, [jsmith@commoncause.org](mailto:jsmith@commoncause.org)


# CALENDARS



Unit Meetings will resume in September.

## LWVSD CALENDAR — August 2012

All regular meetings are held at the LWVSD office unless noted otherwise.



1st Tues	Aug 7	4 p.m.	LWVSD Board
1st Thurs*		9:30 a.m.	Unit Council
*Unit Council is 1st Thurs following Board meeting			
1st Fri	Aug 3	10:30 a.m.	LWVSDC ILO Board Scripps Ranch Library

2nd Fri		9:30 a.m.	Public Policy
3rd Mon	Aug 13	10 a.m.	Membership
3rd Wed		9:30 a.m.	Education
4th Fri	Aug 24	10 a.m.	Program

## THE 6th ANNUAL SUFFRAGE PARADE

92nd Anniversary of 1920 ~ 19th Amendment Passes ~ U.S. Women Finally Get to Vote

Thursday, August 30, 5 pm ~~~ Program Honoring Dr. Nona Canon

START Kate Sessions Statue entrance to Laurel Street Bridge

~~ March to the Organ Pavilion for Drumming ~~ Followed by a Picnic on the grass

~~ Free Band Concert ~~ Bring your banners and signs, your flags, and picnic food

~~ Costume and Historic Reenactment Contests ~~



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### Save the Dates — Watch for More Information

Tues Oct 2, 7 pm	SAFE California, LWVSD, and California People of Faith Working Against the Death Penalty: Sr Helen Prejean and Magdaleno Rose-Avila will be discussing the Initiative on California's November Ballot about replacing the Death Penalty with Life in Prison w/o parole. Free.
Wed Oct 3, 7:15 pm	<b>Gloria Steinem: "Feminism: The Longest Revolution."</b> LWVSD is cosponsoring with Congregation Beth Am. Tickets: Senior/Student w/Valid ID \$ 25 (Limited Availability) — General \$ 60 — Reserved Seating + Book \$180 — VIP Ticket* \$500 (*incl VIP reception, opportunity to meet Gloria, VIP seating, book, reserved parking).
Thurs Nov 15	LWVSD Luncheon: California State Controller John Chiang discussing state finances.



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Sunday morning Kathleen Hall Jamieson, from the Annenberg School and Public Policy Center, gave us a rousing speech. Prof. Jamieson is a regular visitor on Bill Moyers show. She encouraged the League to keep up our good group. Sunday evening we **watched the documentary, "Patriocracy: Civility in our Democracy."**

**Monday morning a panel called "How Do We Unite and Conquer?" featured Eleanor Clift (the McLaughlin Group), Mickey Edwards (Director of the Aspen Institute in Public Leadership and former R-OK), and Trevor Potter (President of the Campaign Legal Center and commonly seen as Steven Colbert's advisor on his Superpac).** It was a fascinating discussion and, again, they encouraged the League to keep doing the good work we do.

Monday afternoon Eric Holder, US Attorney General, focused on Voter ID laws and the attacks on voting rights. He urged the LWV to keep up the good fight nation-wide to expand the franchise rather than to contract it. It was exciting to hear from him, along with seeing all of the complications when the Secret Service is involved.

At the Monday evening banquet political pollster John Zogby spoke about his outlook for elections and the political changes brought about by Citizens United and the increase in partisan extremism.

All of these speeches can be found on the LWVUS website. <http://www.lwv.org/blog/watch-videos-convention-2012>

And finally, one of the most important reasons for the convention is to vote on board-recommended and non-recommended concurrence, program and resolutions. I have summed up the approved items below:

1) Motion to adopt a concurrence with the Sentencing

Policy position of the LWVDC as follows:

Sentencing Policy: The LWVUS believes alternatives to imprisonment should be explored and utilized, taking into consideration the circumstances and nature of the crime. The LWVUS opposes mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses.

2) Motion to adopt the LWVUS Board recommended comprehensive program to educate members and communities on the issue of campaign finance in order to inform our education and legislative efforts as needed.

3) Motion to retain all other current LWVUS positions in the areas of Representative Government, International Relations, Natural Resources and Social Policy. This includes the two new positions on The Federal Role in Public Education and Privatization.

4) Motion to review and update the LWVUS agricultural position approved in 1988. Such a review would investigate genetic modification, consolidation in the food industry, money in the regulatory process, and the **consumer's right to accurate and comprehensive food labeling.**

5) Motion to move: We, the representatives of local and state Leagues assembled at the 2012 LWVUS Convention, call upon the LWVUS Board to advocate strongly for all appropriate, duly-considered measures which may include, but are not limited to, a constitutional amendment and which are consistent with our current positions on campaign finance reform and individual liberties; allow Congress and the states to set reasonable regulations on campaign contributions and expenditures; and ensure that elections are determined by the voters.

6) Motion to adopt a PMP rate of \$31.00 for the first biennium 2012-2014.

All in all, it was a fascinating and rewarding experience. As you can see, we have a lot of work on our table. Please let me know how you can help.

Jeanne Brown, Co-President LWVSD



Watch for details in the  
September Voter

## MEMBERSHIP

**Membership In League****Exercises Your Brain**

Several people joined the LWVSD since the last Voter:

E. Ione Buie, 92122

Adrean Kirk, 92106

Marjorie Cole, 92116

Marilyn Joyce Stenvall, 92112

Bobby Dawn Dershem, 91913

Gail Zides, 92131

We welcome the East County League members who have now officially transferred to our League:

Olive Ball      Donna Bartlett-May      Christiana Butera      Sandy Cavanagh      Eddie Cisco      , Barbara Collis,  
 Carolyn Conner      Gelia Cook      Norma Jean Courtenaye      Norma DeMart      Teresa Dodd-Butera  
 Alice Duke      Joan Eisenhower      Cynthia Garn      Dorothy Greene      Kelly and Lisa Harmann  
 Ruth Ireland      Joanna and Lloyd Kendall      Jeannie Kintzele      Marilou Kratzenstein      Marietta Lassaline,  
 Myrra Lee      Dean Leptich      Elana Levens-Craig      Harriet Mallory      Lesley McClelland      Patricia Misner  
 Ben and Faye Nance      Dana Quittner      Evelyn Radway      Anita Reith      Estelle Rosten      Bonnie Sardo  
 Alta and Dru Stainback      Lisa Stewart      Carol Straubinger      Nancy Tuccillo      and Marian Zeldin.

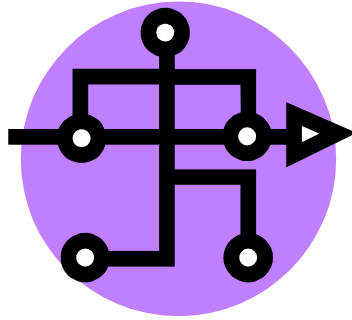
You should have received a dues renewal letter in late June. Please remember to send in your dues promptly. Lots of people have done that and we are busy at the office processing checks. We have also received many very generous donations and truly appreciate extra income. The LWVUS Convention delegates just voted in another dollar that we must send them for each member. Fifty-year members do not pay dues anymore, so they just need to return the form indicating changes in their contacts and how they want their Voter delivered (snail mail or email). If you have lost your letter, please phone (858-483-8696) or email (lwvsd@san.rr.com) the office so we can send you another one.

— Beryl Flom, VP/Administration

We were saddened to learn that one of our long-time League leaders and supporters, Emmett Greenwald, passed away April 4 after being diagnosed with a brain tumor. He graduated from Columbia University, served in World War II as a Navy commander, and worked for Burlington Industries. Both his first wife and second wife (June Greenwald) were presidents of Leagues in New Jersey! Emmett was one of the first male members in Tenafly, NJ. June and Emmett retired in San Diego and soon joined the LWVSD to meet intelligent and like-minded people. He loved politics and served as a time-keeper at candidate forums and Vice President/Program; they were active in the Rancho Bernardo Unit as well. Emmett and June worked at the American Cancer Society Discovery Shop in Rancho Bernardo for several years; it has grown tremendously under their leadership. June and Emmett were a great team that worked together very successfully and supported each other. He is sadly missed by many in the community and his family.

## MANAGED GROWTH INITIATIVE UNDER ATTACK

In 1985 the League of Women Voters of San Diego, C3, the Sierra Club, Common Cause, and many other local organizations participated in a successful coalition known as **“San Diegans for Managed Growth”** to qualify and pass a grass-roots managed growth initiative known as Proposition A. The initiative



was designed to protect land called the Future Urbanizing Area in the General Plan. These lands were intended to be preserved as open space and/or undeveloped until and unless development at other than an agricultural zone intensity would be approved by a public vote. Development proposals approved through a Proposition A vote over the last fifteen years have resulted in significant public benefits. When the General Plan was updated in 2008, the remaining undeveloped **portions of this area were renamed “Proposition A Lands”** to acknowledge the requirement for voter approval. By accident (lack of knowledge) or design, this remaining protected land (2,000 plus acres) is at risk.

Currently, a proposal called Rancho Del Mar, labeled a **“Continuing Care Residential Community.”** is moving swiftly through the development approval process completely ignoring Prop A regulations. The project would include 224 dwelling units, a restaurant, lounges, bars, and other amenities plus a parking structure all built on 14 feet of fill on 21 acres in the flood plain of the San Dieguito River Valley north of the city-owned polo fields east of Del Mar.

This type of development does not meet the provisions of the Proposition A Managed Growth Initiative. The developer/applicant, however, is attempting to amend the land use code to allow permitting the project through a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) without a **vote of the people. The City’s Development Services Department is making every effort to assist the developer in avoiding a public vote in spite of the property’s** direct relationship to the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park and relevant sections of the adopted General Plan, the Municipal Code, and Council

Policies 600-29 and 600-30. Opponents of this development have organized to provide a legal opinion and advocate that this agriculturally zoned site which is designated as open space cannot be changed to allow the urban uses proposed without a majority vote approval of the City electorate for a **“phase shift.”**

The San Dieguito River Valley Joint Powers Authority (JPA) has reviewed this project, prompting Board Member Pam Slater-Price to call the **City’s actions “...an out of control monster.”** The JPA has sent the City a letter asking the Land Use and Housing Committee to docket this issue for an upcoming meeting to investigate the applicability of Prop A and consider a moratorium on processing this and any other development proposals in the FUA until a joint Land Use and Housing/Planning Commission workshop is held to review the status and procedures for remaining undeveloped Proposition A lands.

The City Attorney has recently opined that the Mayor and the Development Services Department can continue to process this development as a CUP even though the City Council Policy enacted to carry out the intent and purpose of Proposition A, Policy 600-29, specifically states that such **“...uses (must be) natural resource dependent, non-urban in character and scale, or are of an interim nature which would not result in an irrevocable commitment of the land...”** Opponents have communicated to the City Attorney and the City Council Rules Committee that such an action is improper and violates the General Plan and procedures and ordinances expressly put in place to implement the **voters’ Managed Growth Initiative.**

The League Board has approved our participation in efforts led by members of the San Diegans for Managed Growth Coalition to enforce the Managed Growth Initiative.

— Joan Dahlin, Director, Public Policy

## BALBOA PARK DEVELOPMENTS



The San Diego City Council voted July 9, 2012 to approve the Plaza de Panama Project in Balboa Park. Auto traffic crossing the Cabrillo Bridge will be rerouted onto new roads to a parking garage and Presidents Way, with access to the Palisades area.

This Project will:

1. remove autos completely from the Prado between the Plaza de California, in front of the Museum of Man, through the Plaza de Panama, in front of the Museum of Art, and down the mall to the Organ Pavilion;
2. construct a ramp, called the Centennial Bridge, from the Cabrillo Bridge, around the south side of the Museum of Man;
3. construct a road, called the Centennial Road, from this ramp through the Alcazar Garden parking lot and along Palm Canyon to a new garage;

4. construct a three-story, mostly underground parking garage, with paid parking, on the site of the current surface parking lot behind the Organ Pavilion;

5. construct a new parking lot behind the Alcazar Gardens for disabled and valet parking only

6. construct shallow pools between the El Cid statue and the Organ Pavilion where the grassy mall now lies,

7. construct a tram station and comfort stations, and make other pedestrian and park improvements in the area from Presidents Way to the Plaza de Panama.

The Centennial Bridge and the Centennial Road will be financed with private donations. The garage will be financed by city-issued bonds to be repaid, along with other associated costs (maintenance, etc.), by income from the parking fees, currently estimated to be \$5 for five hours. Project construction will begin in October.

After nearly six hours of public testimony, the Council voted 7-1 (Lightner) in favor of the Project. The San Diego League of Women Voters spoke in opposition, favoring an alternative parking garage at Inspiration Point, just east of Park Blvd., at Presidents Way, which **was described as an alternative in the Project's Environmental Impact Report.**

— Nan Valerio, Public Policy Committee



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## COMMUNITY BUDGET ALLIANCE

The Community Budget Alliance (CBA) is a newly formed group this year with representatives from over 20 organizations, seeking a comprehensible, open and fair budget for the City of San Diego. The main groups are the Center for Policy Initiatives (CPI), Empower San Diego, the San Diego Organizing Project (SDOP) and the League of Women Voters of San Diego.

The Alliance is concerned that city resources are not being allotted equitably to all neighborhoods and districts, that there are some neglected neighborhoods. We hope to change that. Quite often it is the **“squeaky wheel that gets the grease”** rather than an organized, equitable distribution of resources, making sure the most needy neighborhoods get the attention they deserve.

Every year the mayor puts together a city budget. He works together with other city agencies and then brings it to the City Council for approval. We believe that the community should have input at the beginning of the budget process, rather than having the finished project being presented as a finished project. There are local planning boards and other organizations who may have a better idea of the priorities of a neighborhood than do the staff in City Hall. These hoped-for changes may take a number of years to achieve but we have made some progress already.

We began identifying shared values for the coalition. The ones we listed are: Equity, Transparency, Accountability, Functionality, Increased Community Input, Renewed Urban Commitment, and Shared Sacrifice.

Our priorities are:

- Creating equality in the overall budget process;
- Job creation;
- Identifying shovel-ready projects;
- Identifying funding sources;
- Creating a planning department
- Independent citizen committee to review projects and priorities
- Affordable housing;

- Educate the community on the budget process;
- Transparency in the budget process.

We have focused on the section of the budget called the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) which pays for sidewalks, streetlights, fixing potholes in our streets, libraries and swimming pools. At an evening workshop, community members from all eight districts were represented. They worked in small groups to make a list of priorities for their district. We came back together and created a list to bring to City Council.

At an evening City Council meeting, the sole topic was the budget. Community leaders **spoke about their communities’ needs. The City Council** stated that they hope to work with us on this issue in the future.

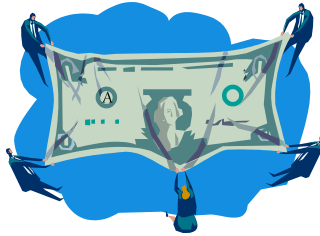
We met with Andrea Tevlin, the Independent Budget Analyst (IBA) for the city, who created a ***Citizen’s Guide to the City Budget***. She agreed to create one for the CIP process. We hope to use that as we educate ourselves and the community on how to participate in the budget process.

We met with Eduardo Luna, the City Auditor, who is concerned about the lack of citizen involvement in San Diego and is willing to help us with the process also. We also met with a number of City Council members who are supportive of our actions.

We created a list of recommendations, including mechanisms to allow community members to weigh in before the proposed budget is released and changing the practice of re-baselining projects. This process creates new schedules each year that make difficult to see how long a **project may have been on the city’s list of things to do**. Some projects are there year-after-year yet are never completed.

There is much more that we have done and plan to do in the following years. If you think that you would like to be involved in this coalition, please contact me.

Jeanne Brown, Co-President  
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# EARTH DAY 2012



(above) Jeanne Brown,  
Josan Feathers, Jill Elsner,  
Joan Eisenhower



(right) Martha Cox  
Josan Feathers, Jill Elsner



## Members of the Southeast Unit Registering Voters at the March Naturalization Ceremony



Robin Adams-Loving,  
Gwen Hanley-Pamplin  
Lisa Arnold.





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planned for August.



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